THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (g). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[*English*]

'Free Card Passes' for Railway Employees in Delhi

4291. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand from railway employees of Delhi for issuing of 'free card passes' to travel between their residence and office; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) yes, Sir.

(b(Existing practice with regard to issue of such passes is being continued and new cases are not being considered.

Reinstatement of Railway Employees

4292. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway employees involved who were dismissed/removed from service with effect from April 1, 1980;

(b) the number of those whose appeals were decided favourably;

(c) the number of those who were reinstated in accordance with Court direction;

(d) the number of remaining employees and their break-up grade-wise and function-wise;

(e) the number of the remaining employees who have reached the age of superannuation;

(f) the number of the remaining employees who have died in the meantime; and

(g) the nature and extent of monetary relief proposed to be given to the remaining employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) 667 Railway employees were dismissed/removed from service under Rule 14(ii) of Railway Servants (Discipline & Appeal) Rules from 01.04.1980 and onwards for participation in Trade Union agitations.

(b) Appeals/Revision petitions of 24 employees out of (a) above were decided favourably.

(c) 294.

(d) 349. The gradewise and function (designation) wise details are being collected from the Zonal Railways and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(e) 66.

(f) 14.

(g) The matter is under consideration.

Procurement of Wheat

4293. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the stock provision of foodgrains as on 1 April, 1991 and 31 March, 1992; and

(b) the amount allocated and actually released for procurement of foodgrains during 1991-92, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The stock position of foodgrains in the Central Pool as on 1.4.1991 and 1.3.1992 (as available) is as under:–

(in Lakh Tonnes)

	Wheat	Rice	Coarsegrain	Total
1.4.1991	56.5	101.73	0.01	158.19
1.3.1992	31.14	92.86	Neg.	124.00

(b) Cash credit limits are fixed for the Food Corporation of India as a whole by the Reserve Bank of India and the amount are utilised by the procuring regions from time to time based on their actual regalements of funds for procurement. Region-wise accounts for the year 1991-92 have not yet been compiled.

F. C. I. Office in Orissa

4294. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to establish office/godown of the Food Corporation of India (F. C. I.) in those district of Orissa where there are no offices/ godowns of F.C.I.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b). The Food Corporation of India has its offices/godowns in all Districts of Orissa except in District Mayurbhanj (Baripada). The Corporation has plant to construct a godown in this District also at Badampahar.

Dental Implantation

4295. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether experts all over the World are now recommending dental implants rather than using dentures;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard;

(c) whether there is any proposal to provide denture/implanting facility in Government hospitals to the CGHS beneficiaries as well as to the public at reasonable rates;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (e). There is difference of opinion amongst the experts on the subject, as while dental implants have certain advantages over the conventional dentures, they are not required in each and every case, because conventional denture, when properly fabrieated are quite adjustable, functional and aesthetic. The implants are in the infancy stage in this country. Besides being very costly, adequate trained manpower in the disciplinr is not available. There is no proposal at present to provide dentures/implants in the Government hospitals or to CGHS beneficaries.

[*Translation*]

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4296. SHRI LAL BAHADUR RAWAL:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: